

Region 10 Tribal Mining Work – Operating and Proposed Mines (August 2006)

All of our teams that work on proposed mine projects in Alaska include one of the Alaska Operations Office (AOO) tribal coordinators to guide the team and project manager through tribal consultation. We are committed to developing tribal consultation plans with the affected tribes once we know what our regulatory role will be. For example, after we received the NPDES permit application for the proposed Chuitna Coal project, we sent letters to the tribes to invite them to initiate consultation and then we developed a tribal consultation plan. Where resources allow we will provide training in mining 101, NEPA, and NPDES permitting for tribes that may be affected by a proposed mine. Our tribal mining work has been focused on specific mines.

Following is a list of both tribal consultation and outreach that has occurred in 2005 and 2006:

Government-to-Government Meetings or Consultation on Specific Mines:

Chuitna

- invitation to all Cook Inlet tribes to initiate consultation (June 2006)
- meeting with Tyonek to provide an overview of the Chuitna project (April 2006)
- meeting with the Kenaitze and Tyonek tribes to discuss issues/concerns regarding the Chuitna Project (July 2006)

Red Dog

- meeting with Kivalena Tribes to discuss issues/concerns regarding the Red Dog Mine (Dec 2005)
- meeting with Maniliq Association and Kotzebue regarding Red Dog Mine (Dec 2005)

Pebble

- meeting with Lake Peninsula area tribes in Iliamna regarding EPA involvement in the Pebble project (Aug 2005)

Idaho Cobalt

- invitation to Shoshone-Bannock tribes to initiate consultation (July 2006)

General Mining Outreach

- "Hard Rock Open Pit Mining", "NPDES Permitting", and "Overview of NEPA" presented to Yukon-Kuskokwim region tribes (March 2005)
- "Communicating on NEPA" presented at the Tribal Leaders Summit (April 2005)
- Region 10 Mining Strategy presentation at BIA Conference in Anchorage (Nov. 2005)
- "Potential EPA involvement in Pebble" presentation at the annual Bristol Bay Native Corporation Village Leadership Workshop (Dec 2005)

- Region 10 Mining Strategy presentation at the RTOC in Seattle (Jan 2006)
- "NEPA: Tribal Involvement and EPA" presentation at the Alaska Forum on the Environment (February 2006)
- Potential EPA involvement in Donlin Mine presentation at Association of Village Council Presidents Special Convention (March 2006)